(*d*) the survey number and extent of the land proposed to be acquired ;

(*e*) whether it has been taken possession of and whether possession was taken under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Act ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that a large part of the area proposed to be acquired forms a high precipitous tapering hill ;

(*g*) the height of the hill ;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that water is not available on that hill for cultivation purposes ;

(*i*) the present condition of the agricultural farm at Neeramankara near Karamanai, the cattle farm at Perurkada and the silk farm near Nedumangad, the purposes to which these farms are now put and whether any of these lands cannot be used for the present purpose ;

(*j*) whether it is on the recommendation of the Agricultural department that the site now being acquired has been selected ; and

(*k*) the name of the owner of the site acquired ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is intended for agricultural and anti-erosion research schemes.

(*c*) Fruit trees and food crops.

(*d*) Survey Numbers 1342/9 and 10 A B of Chettivilakom pakuthy—20 acres and 71 cents.

(*e*) The land has been taken possession of after the acquisition proceedings were completed. It was not acquired under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Act.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) About 30 to 40 feet from the adjoining road level to the top portion of the land.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) There is no agricultural farm at Neeramankara near Karamana.

The Cattle Farm at Perurkada is widely recognised as one of the model Dairy Farms of India.

Silk Farm near Nedumangad—Mulberry plants are grown in this farm and the plants are in good condition.

These lands cannot be used for the present purpose.

(*j*) Yes ; this site was acquired in consultation with the Director of Agriculture ; and in view of the fact that the land was being brought to sale for non-payment of long-standing Government dues which remained unpaid from 1107 and was about to be alienated by the owner who had already mortgaged it.

(*k*) Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai.

Election of Mr. Nataraja Pillai as Mayor.

2. * **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a requisition from the City Corporation Council to publish the election of Mr. Nataraja Pillai as Mayor ;

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(*b*) whether the publication was made in accordance with that ;

(*c*) if not, why not ;

(*d*) did the Commissioner of the City Corporation address the Government direct regarding the legality or otherwise of the election of Mr. Nataraja Pillai ; and

(*e*) is he under law permitted to address the Government except through the Mayor ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) There was a communication to Government regard ing the result of the election and requesting its publication.

(*b*) No,

(*c*) Because Government were advised that the election was invalid on account of material irregularities.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This is a matter of legal construction.

Kottarakara-Alwaye Railway Line.

3. ✱ **MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH** (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the date on which the survey of Kottarakara-Alwaye railway line was begun and completed as also the total amount spent for that purpose ?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : There was no survey of a Kottarakara-Alwaye Railway line.

Railway connecting Kottarakara with Ernakulam.

4. ✱ **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they had any idea of connecting Ernakulam and Kottarakara by railway ;

(*b*) whether any expenses had been incurred thereon; and

(*c*) if so, the amount spent ?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*)

Railway Line from Quilon to Ernakulam.

5. ✱ **MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is the intention of the Government to begin immediately the construction of the Railway line from Quilon to Ernakulam ;

(*b*) the cost of construction estimated during the completion of the survey of this line ; and

(*c*) whether the estimate has been revised subsequently?

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